

Lack of Funds Halts Work On Jerusalem Reservoir

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Work on the new Jerusalem reservoir which will have sufficient storage capacity to obviate any future water shortage, has been stopped due to lack of funds, it was revealed yesterday at a joint Municipal-Mekorot press conference in Jerusalem. The conference, devoted to

Of the 18,000 cubic metres of earth to be dug out...

Mayor Morcaai Ish-Shalom and Mr. Y. Kariv, of Mekorot.

A total of 11,350,000 is needed to develop the reservoir. If the money were forthcoming immediately, the reservoir could be finished this autumn by the end of November.

Mr. Ish-Shalom said that the interministerial Committee on Water Resources had already refused to grant a special allocation for the project.

At present, the city is

The reservoir, planned to service a city of 250,000, was expected to meet the city's needs for the next ten years.

Unprecedented Demand

The water shortage in the southern quarters of the city, thus assuring an end to the water shortage left by the 30 inch line was being laid from the reservoir to the one in Romeña.

Regarding the situation within the city itself, it was said that only 50-60 per cent of the water leaving the Romeña reservoir was "accounted for." This was

peak during the recent hot days, was caused by an "unprecedented" demand, it was said. This year, an average of slightly less than 18,000 cubic metres — the maximum the present installations could handle — was reaching the city. This was a 30% increase over

last year, when only 15,000 cubic metres arrived daily. Consumption on blistering hot days skyrocketed to almost 22,000 cubic metres, however.

Since 1980/81 the city has been subsidising the municipal water supply. The subsidies were charged that Mekarot was only interested in "making profits, not supplying water". He said that the company had lost IL14m in the past three years.

Capital Sets Up Water Department

The Jerusalem Municipality Council last night decided to set up a permanent water department.

in short demand, for not only was the city's overall population growing, but individual consumption also rose as thousands of residents moved into the city.

The Council also voted to accept two loans, one of £60,000 and the other of £120,000, to build markets in the German Colony (near L.

ly. Still, consumption lagged far behind other cities and towns. For instance, each person in Haifa used 220 litres daily; in Tel Aviv, 450; Ramat Gan, 500 and Holon, more than 600.

In the last named three, irrigation for home gardens accounted for a good share of the water used.

**British Labour on Rights
Of 'Security Risks'**

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — The Labour Party today proposed an advisory board hear the cases of workers in private industry whose dis-

It said in a policy statement entitled "Personal Freedom" that any worker em-

board should be confronted with a precise charge unless the Minister (involved) has personally decided otherwise."

An advisory board already operates in the case of civil servants suspected to be security risks.

(Since the statement was

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ment's suggestion. His wife was a former Communist. Parliamentary questioning failed to elicit precise accusations against the man.)

The statement also reviewed the rights of foreign citizens in Britain. It said on this subject, "The Home Secretary exercised very wide"

He may admit or deport them, imprison them prior to deportation without any charge being brought. There are dangers in these powers.

and thorough review is therefore necessary."	hidden from the public" magazine stated.
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